

# Foster Care

## What does this appropriation support?

The Foster Care program provides alternative living arrangements for children who are removed from their biological home and placed in the Children's Division's (CD) custody in an effort to protect them from abuse and neglect. Maintenance payments to foster parents, clothing allowances and special expenses, contracts for family reunification, foster parent training and respite for foster parents are provided by this program.

## What is the authorization for this program?

State statutes: RSMo. 210.292, 211.031, 453.315; 42 USC Sections 670 and 5101

## What are the expenditures?

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Planned
GR	\$27,205,993	\$27,242,418	\$27,762,712	\$22,064,244
FEDERAL	\$11,216,611	\$11,790,967	\$12,370,693	\$7,371,442
OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,422,604</b>	<b>\$39,033,385</b>	<b>\$40,133,405</b>	<b>\$29,435,686</b>

## Is this a federally mandated program?

The federal Child Welfare Act and the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act obligate Missouri to care for children who are abused and neglected. Administrative activities related to these obligations would be considered mandatory.

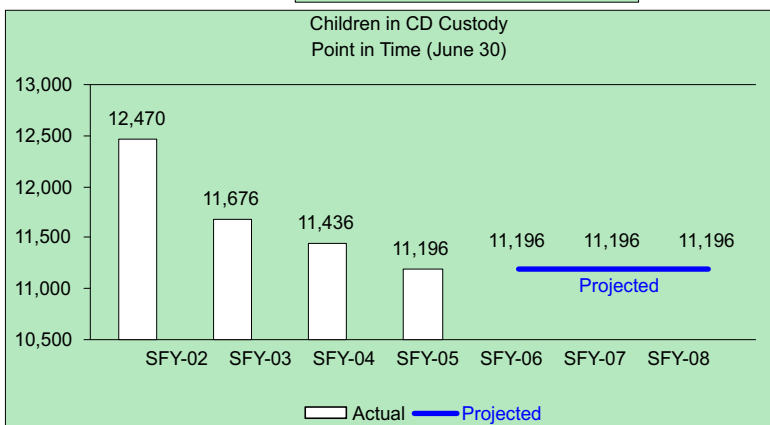
## Who is eligible?

Children in the care and custody of the Children's Division.

## How many people have been served?

### Children in Children's Division Custody Throughout the Year

	Actual	Projected
FY 03	18,309	
FY 04	17,626	
FY 05	17,114	18,000
FY 06		18,000
FY 07		18,000
FY 08		18,000



## What are the sources of other funds?

Not applicable.

## Are there federal matching requirements?

For expenditure purposes, children and youth receiving services from the Children's Division are grouped into two categories—Homeless Dependent and Neglected (HDN) and IV-E. Expenditures for HDN children and youth are 100% state funded while expenditures on behalf of IV-E children and youth are eligible for federal funding. The IV-E program rate of federal reimbursement is the FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage). The FMAP fluctuates annually based on state and national economic and population data, but generally the state matching requirement is around 40% and the federal match 60%. There is a 50% state match (50% federal earned) for IV-E administrative costs and a 25% state match (75% federal) for IV-E training costs. Some non-matchable expenditures in the foster care program are used to earn the IV-B Part 2 Family Preservation grant that supports the Children's Division.

## Efficiency and Effectiveness Measure:

